

TIME IS SHORT

1 Cor 7:25-31

Paul addresses virgins.

1 Corinthians 7:25 *Virgins*: Unmarried daughters still living under father's roof.

Question: should their fathers give them away in marriage?

virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: I know of no teaching of Christ on this issue.

I can't point to an OT commandment

Yet I give my judgment : This is new doctrine.

1 Corinthians 14:37-38

Paul making statement under divine inspiration.

I am giving you my counsel based upon experience and observation.

Things which qualify him:

1. I am a saved man.
2. I am a faithful man. 1 Timothy 1:12

1 Corinthians 7:26 *I suppose*: hold, consider, think; I give you the following advice.

That this is good: quite excellent; very profitable and expedient, wholesome.

For the present distress: because of great dangers you are facing. John 16:2

During this period of time Christians beaten, imprisoned, killed

Within 10 years Nero refine the art of torturing Christians.

Better to go through this type of persecution if single.

Good: excellent, best, expedient.

1 Corinthians 7:27

Bound:

1. *Doulos*. enslave, made a servant, be morally bound, controlled by. Matter of will. Chose to be this type of servant.
2. *Dew*. To knit, tie, wind, be in bonds; tied so that not able to get out. Romans 7:2; 1 Corinthians 7:39

Loosed: *Luw* – to loose or untie bonds or fetters; set free; break up, dismiss; set aside; invalidate Luke 1:64; Acts 22:30; Revelation 9:13-15

1 Corinthians 7:27 *Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife.*

How does marriage bond get broken up?

Answer: by death of spouse. Romans 7:2

Bible teachers differ:

1. Adultery
2. Exception clause
3. Betrothal period.

4. Incest

Are you unmarried? Don't pursue marriage.

1 Corinthians 7:28 Marriage a legitimate option.

Single...if get married, not violated Biblical principles.

if a virgin: get married there is nothing sinful about it.

trouble in the flesh: inherent problems

Trouble: to be pressed together; under pressure.

Mac: *Marriage involves conflicts, demands, hardships, sacrifices, and adjustments that singleness does not. Marriage is ordained of God, good, holy, and fulfilling; but it does not solve all problems. It brings more. Marriage never should be used as a way of escape, even from loneliness. ...*

But I spare you: won't go into all details.

I won't deter you from plans to be married.

vv. 29-31 everything in right perspective.

1 Corinthians 7:29 Time is short: kairos—epoch of opportunity; window of time. Season of time.

Life span

Present distress

Second coming

Life is uncertain.

Ephesians 5:16; James 4:14; 1 Peter 1:24; Romans 13:12; Hebrews 10:25

it remaineth: The remainder is this.

Because life is fleeting

1. Marriage. ...that both they that have wives be as though they had none;

You're married? Stay as free as you can to serve Lord.

Mac: *Marriage will disappear with this world, because it is designed only for this world, not the next.*

Be as though they had none: your marriage commitment doesn't lessen your commitment to Christ. Luke 14:26-27

2. Sorrow. 1 Corinthians 7:30 And they that weep...

When times of sorrow come, yes, grieve over death of loved ones, but don't become engrossed in sorrow.

2 Samuel 12:23; Nehemiah 8:9-10

Barnes: *Restrain and moderate your grief by the hope of the life to come.*

3. Celebration. ... and they that rejoice, ...

Mac: *A personal success, an inheritance, or a business promotion sometimes excites us more than a spiritual victory. Even when we give the Lord credit for the*

blessing, we can lose our perspective and be controlled more by our emotions than by our good judgment and spiritual priorities.

4. Business. ... and they that buy...

Don't become preoccupied with what you buy or with what you own.

5. Pleasure. 1 Corinthians 7:31 And they that use this world

Make good use of it but don't allow yourself to become attached to it.

Use: right, proper, and necessary use of world's system to provide for your clothes, food, housing, medicine...

Abuse: too much, too freely, to excess

Fashion: form, appearance (schema); manner of life,

Word taken from changing scenes in dramatic play.

Barnes: *the form, the fashion of the world is like a splendid, gilded pageant. It is unreal and illusive. It continues but a little time; and soon the scene changes, and the fashion that allured and enticed us now passes away, and we pass to other scenes.*

It looks good now but tomorrow it will be gone.

So WHAT?

Priority--commitment to Jesus Christ.

This will effect

1. Marriage
2. Emotions
3. Business
4. Pleasure